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### William Stephens to John Kean, September 9, 1789

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Savannah 9<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1789

Dear Sir  
Barham's vessel sailed from this place about ten days since. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jackson and Betts, are both in New York, and the vessel is expected to return by the end of this month. I have been enquiring after a sailing vessel, to call and take your family & go to New York, but can meet with none, therefore must wait, until the return of Barham's Sloop, unless a proper opportunity offers before her return, of which you shall have notice.

We may as well expect Diamonds from Goldonday, as hard Cash, or any other from Bryan's estate, or Mr. Devereux, the latter of whom, depends altogether at present upon the rest of his plantation and negroes,



of which, he has received but a offer, occasioned by  
the non payment, by Genl. Roberts' Executors.

I am trying to raise the £50 specie, on Byron's  
Bond, by discount, upon the principle of the Bank  
due, being paid in our currency, which is at  
depreciated value, but on no other, than  
the present emergency. I've no prospect of

collecting a Shilling, on other paper, at the  
moment, the whole, wait for measures  
that are disagreeable, and eventually must take  
place.

Your offer for the Land on Hutchinson's  
will not suit - exchanging one species of property  
for another, does not answer the owners of the  
Land. The Blaster, from London, has brought  
in a large cargo of European Goods, nothing  
of consequence to us from that quarter.

I am Dear Sir Yrs truly

W. Stephens



The Honorable  
John Kean esq.

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